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Applicant elects the species of Figures 5-11, with traverse. It is submitted that the species of Figures 5-11, 20-26 and 27-30 all have in common gaps left after initial expansion for cement to pass.

It is believed that claims 29-34 read on all species mentioned above. Claims 35 and 36 are specific to Figures 20-26. Claims 37-45 read on all the embodiments. Claims 46-47 are specific to Figures 20-26. Claims 48-54 involve leaving gaps for the cement to pass after initial expansion (making all the Figures mentioned above applicable) but also include another feature of a reduced diameter from an original diameter that is at least as large as the casing inside diameter. Arguably, Figures 27-30 are specific to reduced diameter feature but the other Figures, mentioned above, all show the gaps for the cement to pass.

Claim 55 is specific to Figures 1-4 or 12-15. Claim 56 is specific to Figures 16-19.

Respectfully submitted,

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